

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There is a great need for economic  
3 revitalization in many communities throughout this State;

4 WHEREAS, Each community has valuable resources at its  
5 fingertips that can be tapped in the revitalization process;

6 WHEREAS, With adequate support and assistance from the  
7 State and other resources, each community can participate in  
8 and shepherd its own economic renewal;

9 WHEREAS, Successful redevelopment plans are based on  
10 policy that is responsive to the existing composition and  
11 character of the economically-distressed community and that  
12 allows and compels the community to participate in the  
13 redevelopment planning process;

14 WHEREAS, A successful redevelopment initiative creates  
15 and maintains a capable and adaptable workforce, has access  
16 to capital, has a sound fiscal base, has adequate  
17 infrastructure, has well-managed natural resources, and has  
18 an attractive quality of life; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-  
20 THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there  
21 is created the Community Self-Revitalization Task Force,  
22 which shall consist of 12 members appointed by the Governor  
23 as follows: (1) one member representing households and  
24 families; (2) one member representing religious  
25 organizations; (3) one member representing educational  
26 institutions; (4) one member representing daycare centers,  
27 care centers for the handicapped, and care centers for the  
28 disadvantaged; (5) one member representing community based  
29 organizations such as neighborhood improvement associations;  
30 (6) one member representing federal and State employment  
31 service systems, skill training centers, and placement

1 referrals; (7) one member representing Masonic organizations,  
2 fraternities, sororities, and social clubs; (8) one member  
3 representing hospitals, nursing homes, senior citizens,  
4 public health agencies, and funeral homes; (9) one member  
5 representing organized sports, parks, parties, and games of  
6 chance; (10) one member representing political parties,  
7 clubs, and affiliations, and election related matters  
8 concerning voter education and participation; (11) one member  
9 representing the cultural aspects of the community, including  
10 cultural events, lifestyles, languages, music, visual and  
11 performing arts, and literature; and (12) one member  
12 representing police and fire protection agencies, prisons,  
13 weapons systems, and the military industrial complex, all of  
14 whom shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed  
15 for their reasonable and necessary expenses from  
16 appropriations available for that purpose; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study the need for  
18 economic revitalization in the State and recommend a plan for  
19 the revitalization of Illinois communities operating from the  
20 basic premise that the family unit is the primary unit of  
21 community and that the demand for goods and services from  
22 this residential sector is the main source of recovery and  
23 growth for the redevelopment of a community; and be it  
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That the Department of Commerce and Community  
26 Affairs shall provide staff assistance to the Task Force as  
27 is reasonably required to permit the Commission to fulfill  
28 its functions; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its findings  
30 and recommended plan for revitalization to the Governor and  
31 to the General Assembly on or before May 15, 2004; and be it  
32 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 delivered to the Governor and to the Director of Commerce and  
3 Community Affairs.